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#### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend section [0026] of the specification as indicated below with insertions underlined (e.g., insertion), and deletions struckthrough or in double brackets (e.g., ~~deletion~~ or ~~[[deletion]]~~):

[0026] Also shown in FIG. 4, an external instrument interface ~~[[620]]~~420 connects to one or more external instruments 20, which may monitor optical or non-optical properties, invasively or noninvasively, from the sensor tissue site or from other portions of a patient or a patient's immediate environment. In one embodiment, the external instrument 20 is a pH monitor, as described with respect to FIG. 6, below.